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Postponed St. Barnabas vote count is 119-to-2 in union's favor

A tally of ballots cast by interns and residents at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York today found 119 in favor of joining the Committee of Interns and Residents, Local 1957, SEIU, and two against. An additional 47 ballots were challenged.

The election was held in June, 2009, but the ballots were impounded rather than counted when St. Barnabas filed an appeal of the election to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington. The employer argued that interns and residents are not entitled to union representation because they are not statutory employees, based on a 2004 Board ruling on graduate teaching assistants. The Board denied review on June 3, setting the stage for today's vote count.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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